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At the foot of a squalid street we discover a broad and open gateway near the East River; the gate-keeper will not challenge you, unless you carry a suspicious parcel in your hand, and you enter with the students that are already making their way toward the operating-room of the hospital. But as you pass into the garden, filled with flowers, that lies within the gate, you see that other visitors have come to grief at the porter's lodge. Visitors with packages of piesvisitors with bottles of whisky in their pockets, with black necks visibly eminent from their coattails-visitors who thought to console some patient, their friend, with the acidalous dulcet of tarts, or the bottled elysium of strong waters. But the liquor law and the pastry law are in full force at the gates of Believue Hospital. It was a source of great disgust to certain romantic ladies, during the war, when soldiers were treated here, that they were prevented from bringing cakes ad libitum to consumptive lieutenants and give to festive corporals.

Leaving the bearers of gifts to argue their case in vain with the gate-keeper, we pass up the broad graveled walks, and enter the hospital, running up a stoop that faces toward the East River. It is Saturday afternoon, and companies of young Sawbones, a seedy but intellectual erowd, hurry into the hall and pass up the stairways that lead to the operating theater. What erowds of students come! The hungrier-looking ones pause a moment at the dining-room door, which stands ajar at the foot of the staircase, and sniff at the odors of the hot lunch which the hospital staff are devouring. Such numbers of students come that you fancy they must find their way upwards into some vast and cavernous receptacle of the upper air, -not into Paradise, however, for their aspect is

"Not too bright or good " for entertainment on the fifth floor, at the highest. Let us follow this hirsute company of youth up the handred steps which lead to the top floor of the hospital.

We find ourselves at the door of a circular theatre, whence issues a mystic odor--a variously compounded perfume, in which your cultivated nose will recognize the smell of chloroform, of disinfectants, and that peculiar aroma which clings to the cleanest hospital-words. The conical pit of the theatre is already filled to overflowing with a company of professionals,-young Galens and older medical men, who have come in from the country to brighten up their rusty surgical lore. Among them you see a few ladystudents, members of the Women's Medical College. They are as zealous as any, and sit in the front seats, note-books in hand. At first they were not treated very politely by Sawbones; but their quiet and studious demeanor soon won the respect of the roughest chivalry in the hospital.

An inner ring of chairs is occupied by visitors, -surgeons from some French frigate lying in the buy, or solid-headed Englishmen who deciare themselves " curious to see what the Americans are doing in this line, you know." There is an air of solemn expectancy about the place; you feel as if you were about to witness an execution. This impression is heightened by the sepulchral manner of the attendants, who harry in and out, grave-faced, bearing plasters, ligatures, cases of instruments, pias, forceps, towels, buckets of water, and all the ominous paraphernalia of bloodshed. The central area of the pit is occupied by the operating table. It is a pallet covered with black oil-cloth; it revolves freely upon a central pivot, for the greater convenience of the surgeon, who has already begun his lecture upon the case in hand, giving a rapid outline of its history and peculiar features.

Meanwhile the patient is being prepared, in an adjoining room, for the operation. Placed upon a couch, a mixture of chloroform and ether is administered to him by means of an inhaling apparatus. His face reddens; in a minute he begins to talk rapidly, to gesticulate, to struggle with violence. He strives to pull away the inhaler from his face; his ravings and contortions seem fearful to the bystanders. If the patient is a muscular man, the efforts of four or five attendants are often necessary to hold him. But the ansesthetic is steadily applied; its benumbing influence creeps into his brain; and all this tempest of excitement subsides. The arms fall. The contortions of the body cease; the tongue is stilled, the eyes are closed. The breathing becomes deep and regular, the pulse less frequent than before, and unconsciousness is soon complete. The patient lies at the merey of the world. No danger can alarm him now, no pain awake or annoy him. The nerves of sense and of motion have lost their office. Within half an hour this patient shall receive the wound of a great surgical operation, and awake from his trance with nothing more than the uneasiness of a headache to suggest the

Stout attendants now raise the patient, matrass and all as he lies, and bear him to the centre of the theatre. They place him upon the rotary table. The surgeon who is to operate stops his speech and sets to work. The assistants, members of the hospital staff, fly around briskly. One has the care of the instruments, and passes them in the required succession to the operator, taking care to present the right instrument at the right second of time. Another continues to administer the chloroform and ether; another watches the breathing and the pulse of the patient; a fourth controls the bleeding, by pressing upon the main artery with finger or tourniquet. Knife and saw make quick work with the tissues of the human body. The sight of a "capital operation" is appalling to a novice. I have seen students faint at first witnessing an amputation. The severed limb drops into the bucket placed to receive it, and is carried away with the remnants of the dissecting-room for burial in the "Potter's Field," or public graveyard. The bleeding ves-sels are ligitured. Bandages are dexterously applied to the wound. A round of appliause greets the popular operator at the close of his task. It is the first sound that strikes upon the patient's ear as he returns to consciousness. He is borne away, with its clangor ringing confusedly in his

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tor? How can we be sure that he felt not every touch of the knife, every grasp of the forceps, spell-bound meanwhile under the incantation of the anasthetic? Is chloroform anything more than a witchery that makes the patient speechless under the torture, and then obliterates the memory of it from his mind?

That this is not the case we know, mainly, from the following reasons. None of the effects Corner Merchant and Kashumanu sts., near Postoffice. 633 by of pain are manifested in the system during an operation conducted under anxisthetics. None of the traces of pain are left behind upon its completion. The pulse, the breathing, are comparatively manifected. There is a speedier recovery than when the patient has refused the kindly agent that would have prevented his pain; for pain may be regarded as a disease in itself; and when its well-marked symptoms are absent we are sure that pain itself does not exist. Bellevue Hospital has its romance as well as

its horrors. Two instances, which fell under the writer's own observation, were of especial interest. The first occurred in the case of a patient who had long been an inmate of the hospital. She was a bright girl of fifteen or sixteen, but seemed more childish than her years. The surcone called her the "Flower of Believue." Unlike many of the female patients, she was pretty, modest, and susceptible. An injury to her arm had kept her lingering from month to month un- will practice to all the Courts of the Kingdom. He will der treatment; and the simple child had used the time to fall in love with the young surgeon who attended her from day to day. She was, however, a very discreet and modest little maiden. No one suspected the existence of her first, innocent love, unless it was the surgeon himself,who had, I think, some partiality toward his fair

But the secret was destined to be told. An operation upon the injured arm became necessary. It was to be one of considerable scientific interest; and the decision was made, -not without the consent of the patient,-to perform it before

the students in the operating theatre.

The Flower of Bellevue would not have consented to this, had she foreseen what confusion she was to make during the operation. She was brought to the theatre, and the bone was excised from the injured arm. But the chloroform unlocked her tongue, and she said what she would have hardly dared to whisper to herself,-a singular instance of the effect of amesthetics; for people seldom betray their secrets while under their influence.

As their effects were beginning to pass away, during the latter part of the operation, she surprised her hearers with a rambling, unconscious, and yet eloquent confession of her love. The revelations of that unguarded heart were pathetic-its devotion, its fear of discovery, its enthusiasm, its hidden life and romance of love. The immost secret was told. "I love him better than I love beaven!" she exclaimed; yet with a voice so sweet and a manner so delicate that even the venerable surgeon who was operating upon the little dreamer was visibly affected. The students checked their usual levity, and listened as in confidence to the sufferer's innocent raving. Returning consciousness soon gave back the little maiden's discretion. In a few weeks she left the

The other instance belongs to the record of military surgery. During the late war several thousand wounded soldiers, gathered from the battle-fields of Virginia, were received into Bellevue Hospital for treatment. Some remarkable eases of pluck occurred in the course of the operations that had to be made upon these brave fellows. In one instance it was necessary to remove large portions of dead bone from the leg of a sol-A groove nearly a foot in length was to be chiseled, with mallet and gouge, in the living tissues of the tibia. This "operation for necrosis," as surgeons call it, is one of the most tedious and Imperters and Wholesale Dealers in Fashlonable painful operations in surgery. But the gallant fellow would take no chloroform. Throwing himself upon the black couch he resolutely underwent the bitter torture for a long half hour. Not, however, as a stoic; he laughed, he cursed, cheered and encouraged him. He bore the pain

leaping into the operating pit and embracing the ast before the reign of silver coin had ended in New York. The students threw down to him a shower of "halves" and "quarters" that spat-

tered over the surface of the arena. As soon as his wound was bandaged, this modern Spartan actually insisted on making a speech to the students. The urbane operator, Dr. James R. Wood, consented. Standing on one leg, and supporting himself against the operating table, the "boy in blue" then gave a pithy account of the battle in which he had been wounded, and of the way in which he received this hurt. At the close of his little speech there was another round of applause and a farewell contribution of silver; and the soldier was borne away to his bed. The "plucky corporal" is not

forgotten yet in Bellevue Hospital. The young men who do the actual medical work in the hospital are appointed semi-annually, by competitive examinations. The appointments are much sought after. In eighteen months of hospital life they see more of disease and of its Corner of King and Fort Streets, Renotula, H. 1. 642 ly treatment than they would in their first ten years of private practice. Each one of these "internes" makes two rounds daily through his wards, which generally contain sixty or eighty patients,-the whole number in the hospital being about a thousand. These young men are under the supervision of their seniors, the visiting physicians and surgeons; and as the latter are readily summoned in case of difficulty, it is Dealer in General Merchandise, Fire-proof Store, found that the interests of the patients do not suffer. There are over 5,000 admissions in each year to this hospital; the mortality was seven per cent. Six hundred births occur annually in the lying-in wards. This department is mainly filled, like the rest of the hospital, by the poor, who cannot afford to employ private medical attendance. The students, under the direction of grave experience through which he has passed. | a professor, are admitted to these wards. This opportunity for study is claimed in return for the charity which furnishes the destitute mothers. often for months, with an asylum and skillful

medical attendance. Some Hawaiians have been graduates of Bellevue—Drs. H. M. Lyman and T. M. Coan among others. Of former Island practitioners, there is Messrs. C. L. Richards & Co. | Messrs. Walker & Allen. | E. P. Adams, Esq. 648 by now but one in New York,-Dr. Lathrop. The Doctor's family are residing in Dre-den, where he proposes to rejoin them this winter. Since leaving the islands Dr. Lathrop has been occupied with business to the exclusion of his practice. Enough of hospitals for the present. CALAMUS.

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